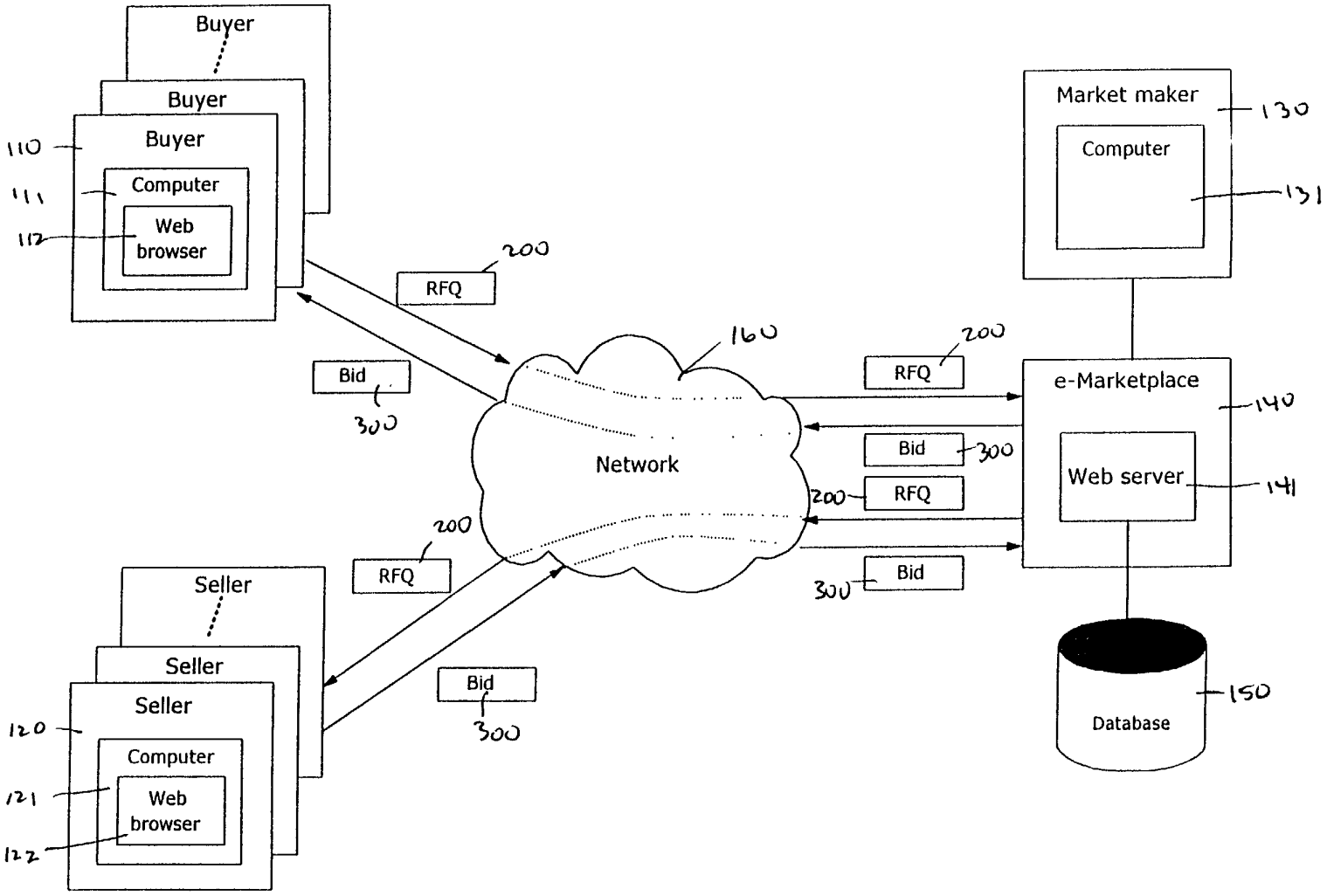
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FIG. 1

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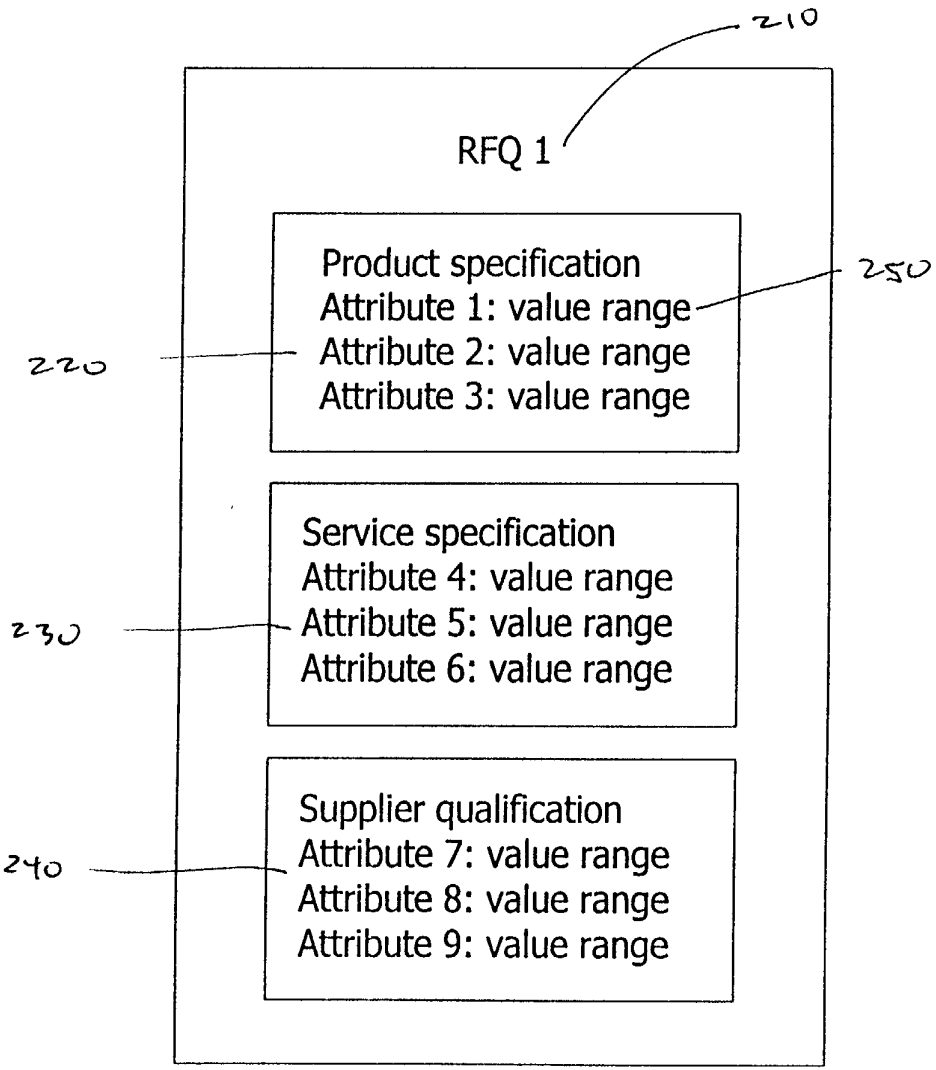

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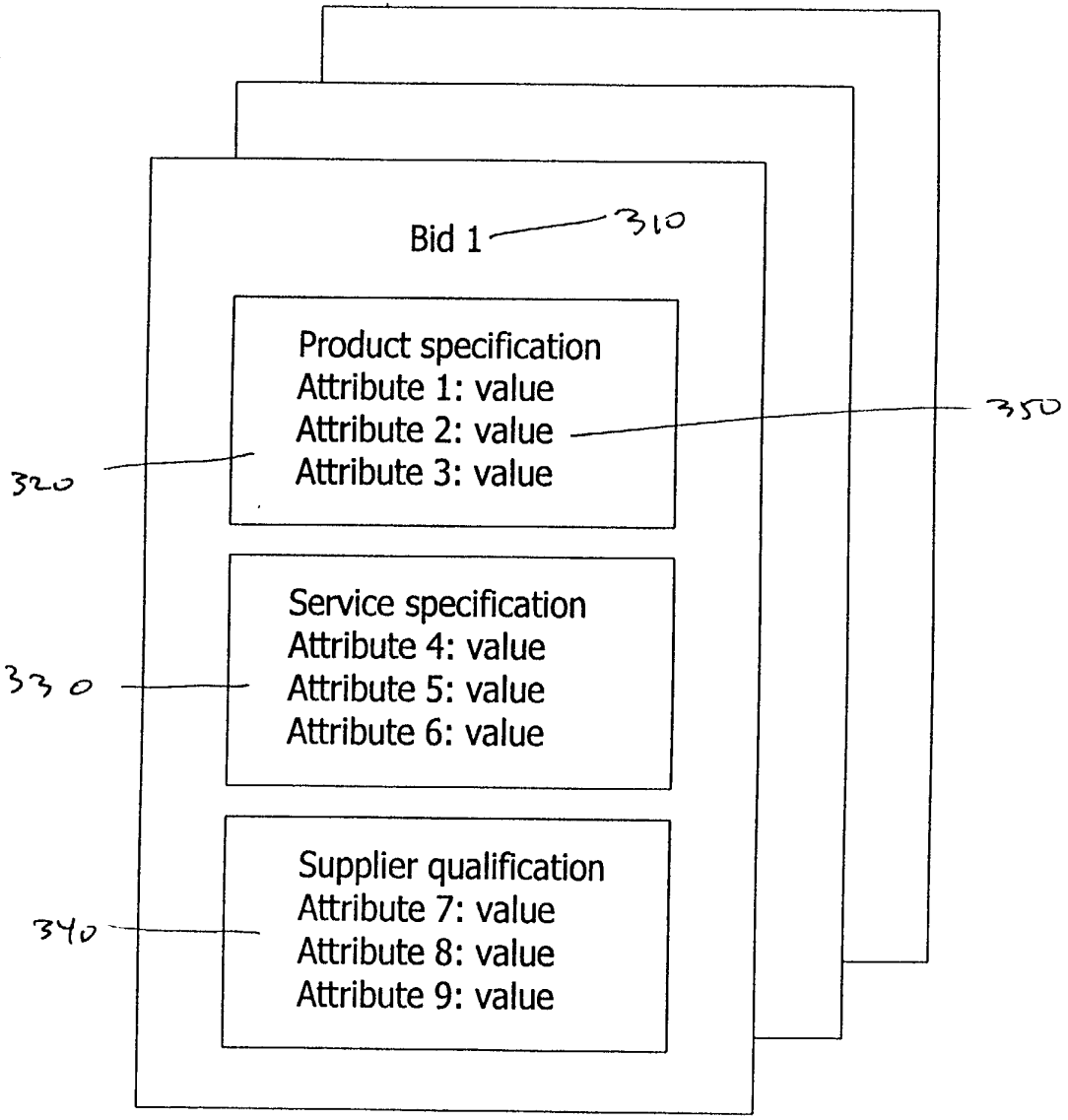

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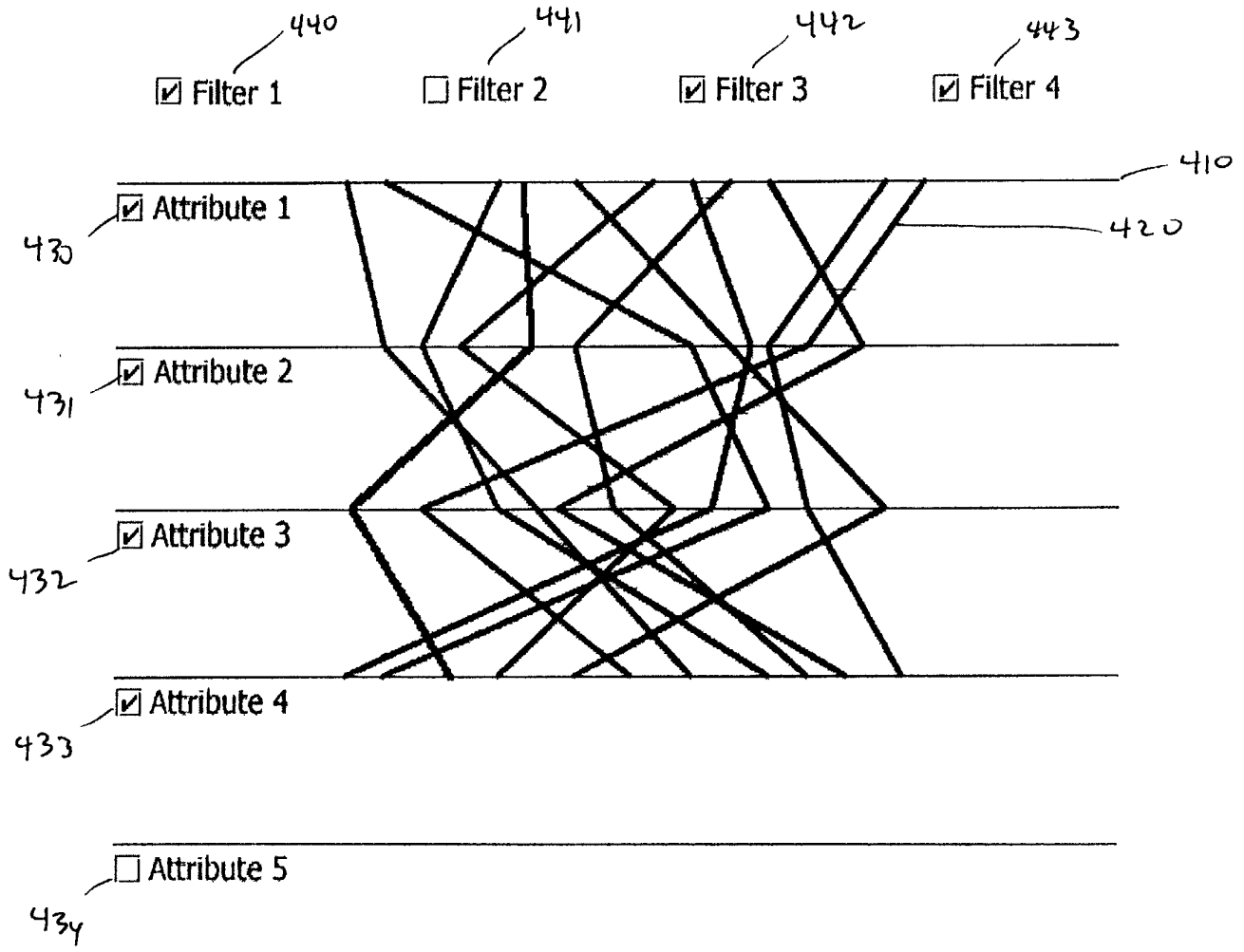

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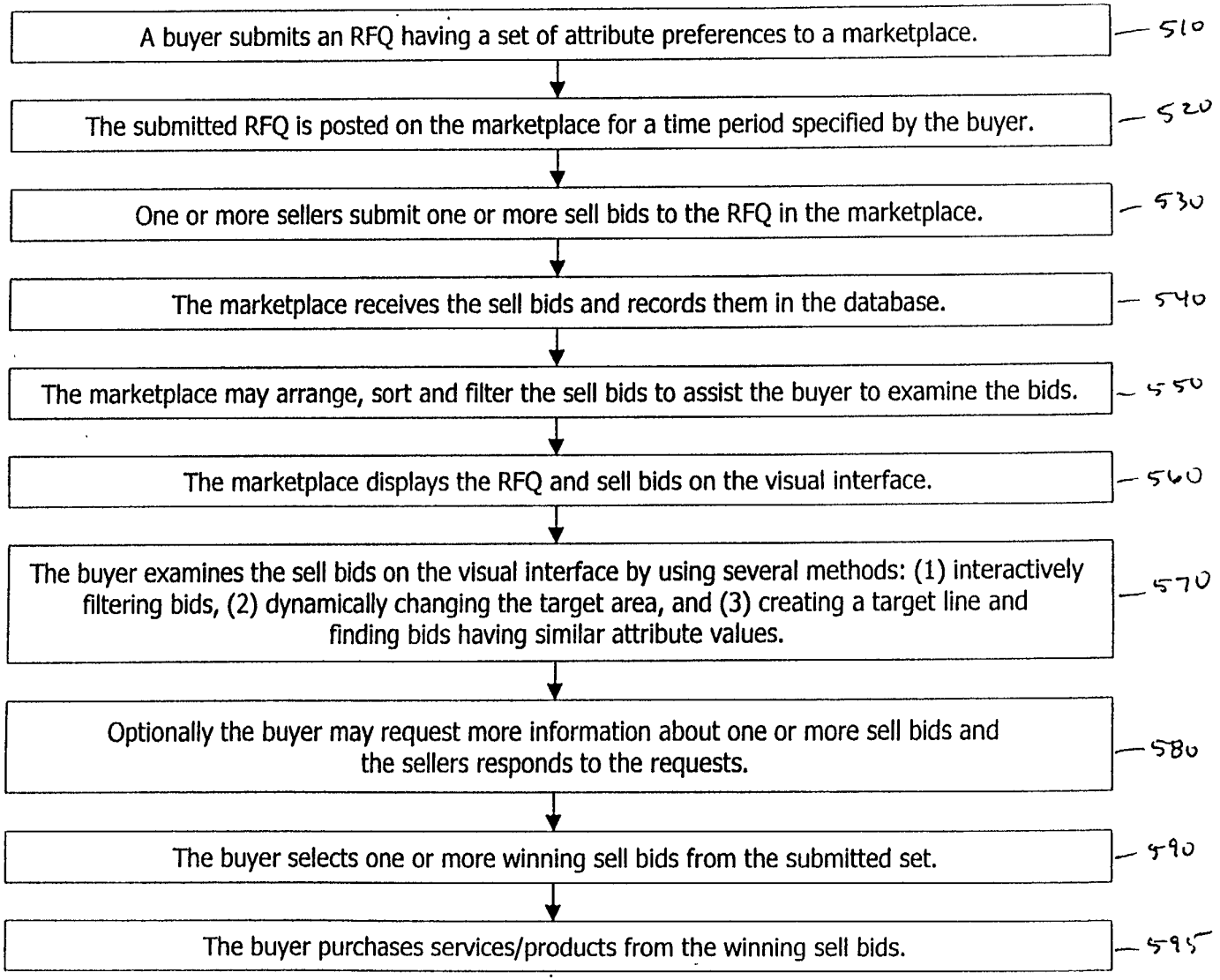
A buyer submits an RFQ having a set of attribute preferences to a marketplace.
510
The submitted RFQ is posted on the marketplace for a time period specified by the buyer.
520
One or more sellers submit one or more sell bids to the RFQ in the marketplace.
530
The marketplace receives the sell bids and records them in the database.
540
The marketplace may arrange, sort and filter the sell bids to assist the buyer to examine the bids.
550
The marketplace displays the RFQ and sell bids on the visual interface.
560
The buyer examines the sell bids on the visual interface by using several methods: (1) interactively filtering bids, (2) dynamically changing the target area, and (3) creating a target line and finding bids having similar attribute values.
570
Optionally the buyer may request more information about one or more sell bids and the sellers responds to the requests.
580
The buyer selects one or more winning sell bids from the submitted set.
590
The buyer purchases services/products from the winning sell bids.
595

FIG. 5

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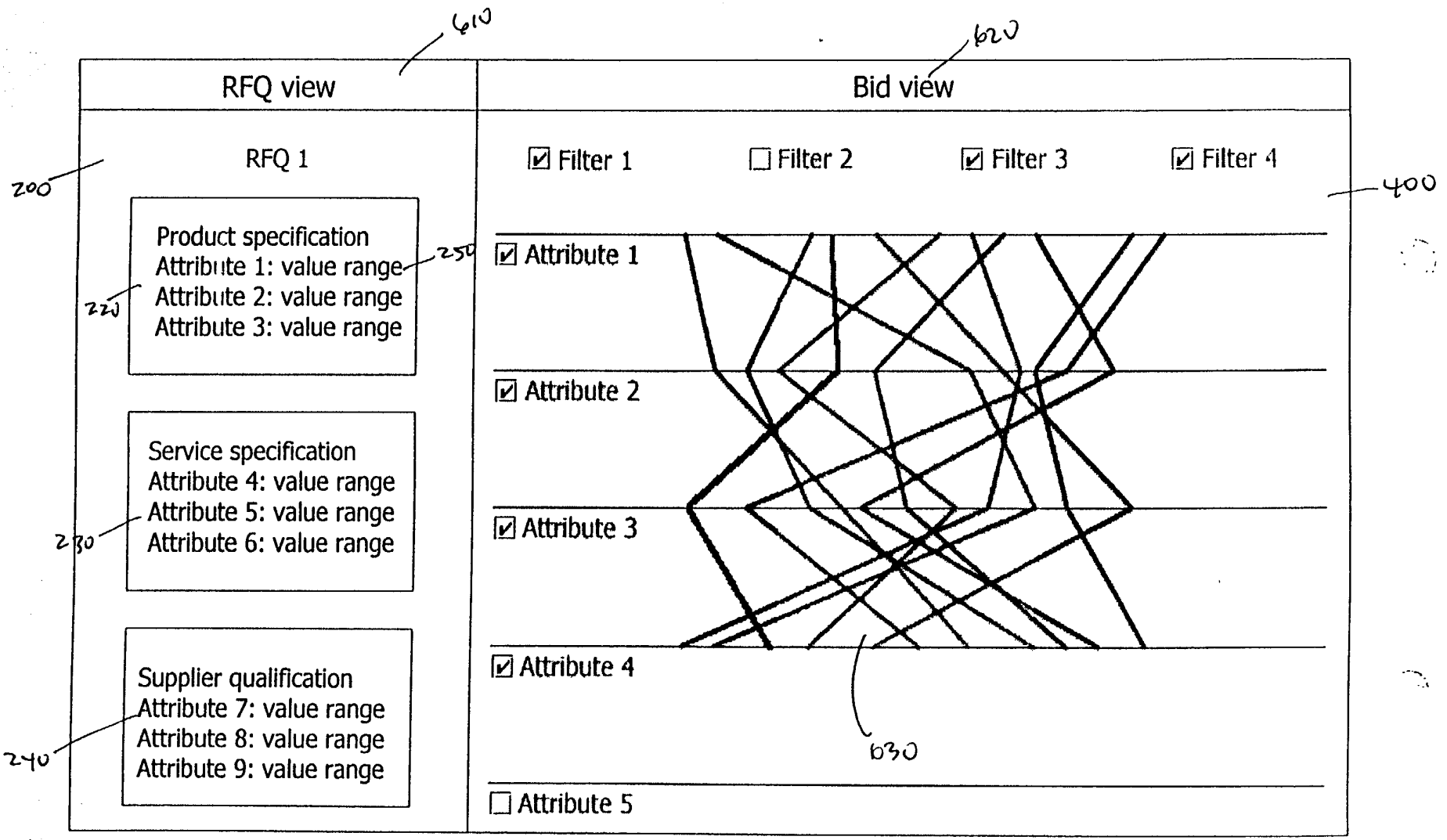

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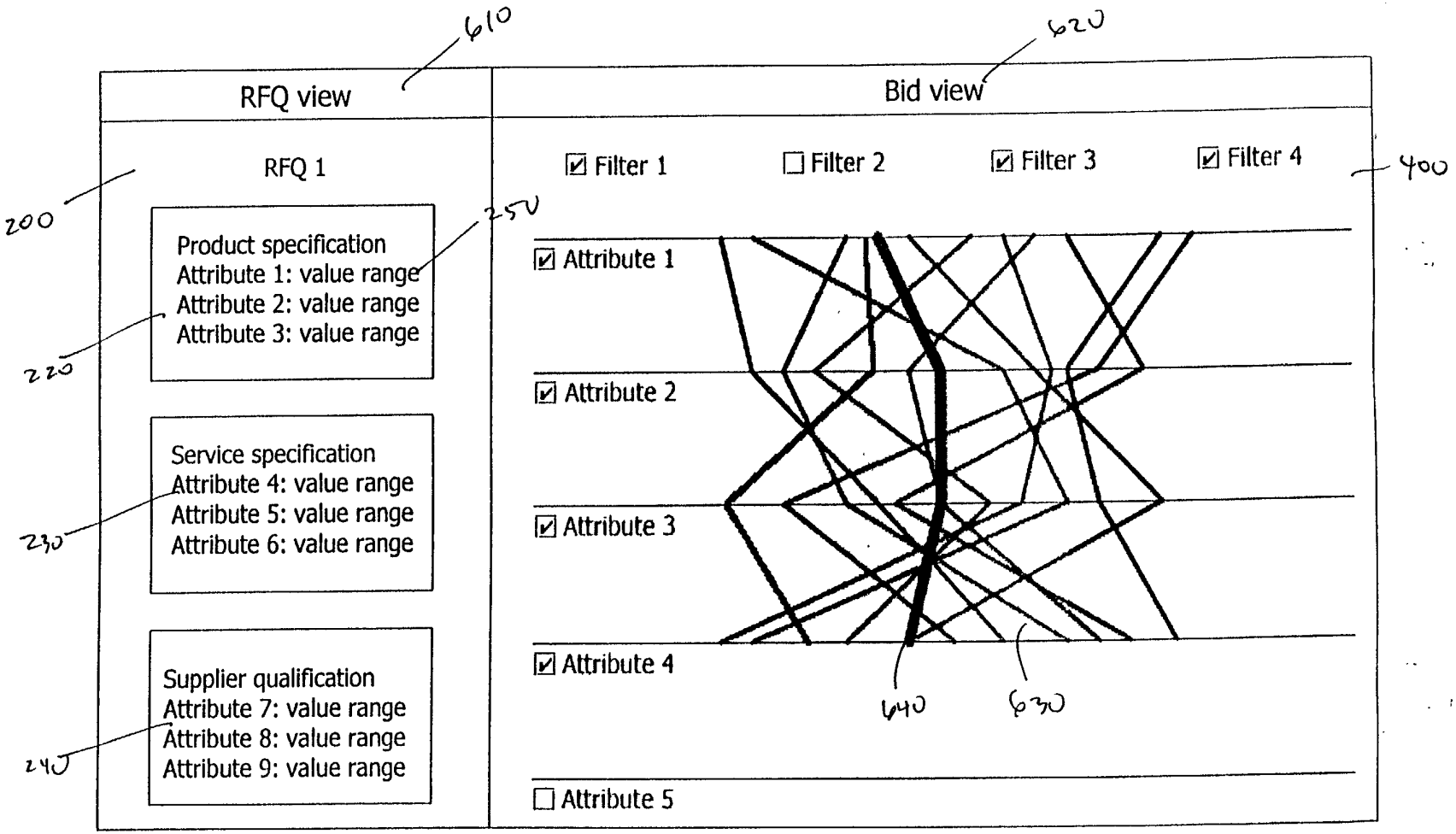
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620
RFQ view
Bid view
RFQ 1
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Filter 1
Filter 2
Filter 3
Filter 4
400
250
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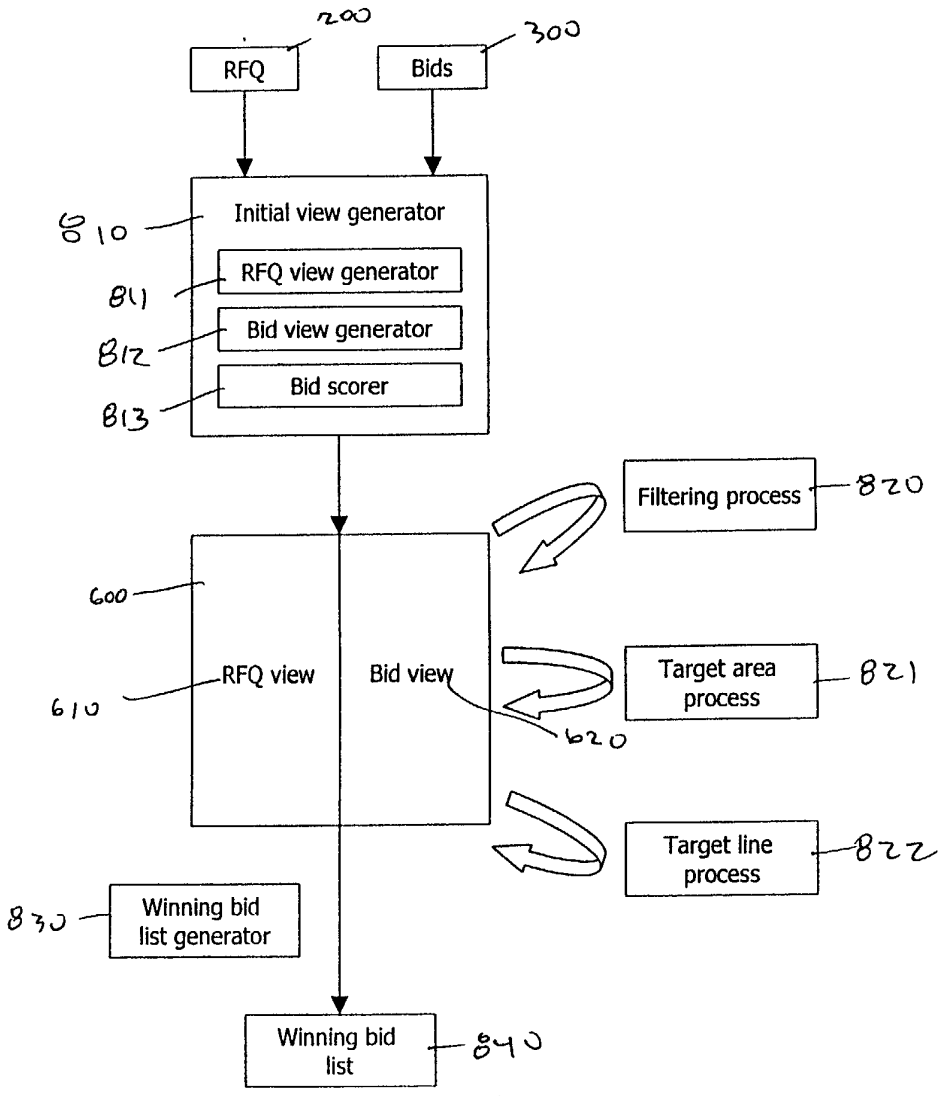
Attribute 1: value range
Attribute 2: value range
Attribute 3: value range
220
Service specification
Attribute 4: value range
Attribute 5: value range
Attribute 6: value range
230
Supplier qualification
Attribute 7: value range
Attribute 8: value range
Attribute 9: value range
240
Attribute 1
Attribute 2
Attribute 3
Attribute 4
Attribute 5
640
630

FIG. 7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RFQ
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Bids
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Initial view generator
811
RFQ view generator
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Bid view generator
813
Bid scorer
820
Filtering process
600
610
RFQ view
Bid view
620
821
Target area process
822
Target line process
830
Winning bid list generator
840
Winning bid list

Fig. 8